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1. The following activities were observed in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (N 55/2 63), from 8 to 13 January 1951: 25X1

Date	Activities of recruits	Activities of Trained Personnel	Remarks
8 January	Drill with four 122-mm and 152-mm guns from 9:10 to 11:30 a.m.	Cleaning of motor vehicles from 9:10 to 11:30 a.m.	Athletic training from 1 to 3 p.m. and indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m. for all troops
9 January	Driving practice with eight caterpillar tractors from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; cleaning of vehicles from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m.	Departure of 280 men for firing practice with machine guns at 9:30 a.m.; trucks were loaded on truck T 5-44-32; cleaning of guns upon return	Indoctrination for all troops from 5 to 7 p.m.
10 January	Driving practice with eight caterpillar tractors from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; indoctrination from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m.	Fatigue duty in the morning and guard drill from 12:30 to 2:50 p.m.	Same as on 9 January 25X1

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Date	Activities of recruits	Activities of Trained Personnel	Remarks
11 January	Driving practice with six caterpillar tractors from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Fatigue duty in the morning	Athletic training from 1 to 3 p.m. and indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m. for all troops
12 January	Driving practice from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; medical examination at 1 p.m.	Fatigue duty in the morning and early afternoon	Same as on 9 January
13 January	Same as on 12 January	Same as on 12 January	30 men detailed to make packing boxes for eight married officers who were to return to the U.S.G.R. (1)

2. On 15 January, personnel from the Delius Kaserne went to the Wildpark freight station to unload ammunition and haul it to the ammunition dump on Bornstedterfeld. The ammunition was hauled by 20 caterpillar tractors with trailers and on trucks

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3. Two ammunition trains, each consisting of 22 boxcars and 1 coach, were observed at the Wildpark freight station on 15 January. The vehicles from the Delius Kaserne picked up ammunition from one train, while trucks were loaded with ammunition from the second train. The unloading of ammunition in Wildpark and its stockpiling on Bornstedterfeld were continued from 16 to 18 January. On 19 January, personnel from the Delius Kaserne worked in the ammunition dump on Bornstedterfeld.

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4. At 9:20 a.m. on 20 January, a gas alarm drill was held in the Delius Kaserne. Recruits were subsequently engaged in gun drill while wearing gas masks, while the trained personnel were engaged in fatigue duty until 11:30 a.m. All troops were at fatigue duty in the afternoon.

5. During the night of 9 January, eight more special trailers arrived at the Delius Kaserne. A sergeant said that they were special trailers for ammunition. eight 152-mm guns and six trucks left the barracks installation at 6 a.m. on 11 January, heading toward Potsdam. A sergeant remarked that the artillery pieces would go to Litengrabow for several days.

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6. On 16 January, trucks unloaded ammunition at the ammunition dump in a former stable between Strandweg and Heinholtzstrasse on the Havel River. The dump belonged to the AAA units stationed in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne.

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7. [redacted] 23 officers from the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne left with their families for Rathenow at 9:20 a.m. on 19 January. It was also said that a trainload of military personnel with dependents would be assembled in Rathenow for repatriation to the U.S.S.R. 25X1

8. On 20 January, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied to capacity. No training activity was observed. Passenger car flying a staff flag, and motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in the billeting area. 25X1

9. Gate guards at the former horseshoers' school, 500 meters west of the Kavallerie Schule and north of the road to Fahrland, wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. 25X1

10. Eleven tank trucks, [redacted] were parked in the fuel depot west of the horseshoers' school. From the undulation of the ground and the filling devices (Abfuellvorrichtungen), [redacted] the dump to be an underground installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified at the fuel dump. 25X1

11. Another dump consisting of bunkers with fire extinguishers and one stone building was north of the horseshoers' school. The road to Fahrland was blocked by a road barrier with a sentry. Source thought that an ammunition or fuel dump was located there. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen at the dump. 25X1

12. An original layout plan of the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, was procured on 22 January. [redacted] 25X1

13. Between 15 and 18 January, the northern section of the restricted area of Potsdam-Babelsberg, including Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse, quartered military personnel and Soviet civilians with dependents. The restricted area south of Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse housed Soviet offices. The headquarters was located in the former Red Cross station south of Griebnitzsee Railroad Station. Sentries wore crimson epaulets. Officers and Soviet women wearing officers uniforms predominated. Personnel of all branches of service with the exception of the navy were observed. On 15 and 18 January, 45 unarmed soldiers wearing black epaulets marched out of the main gate. The motor vehicles seen at the main gate of the restricted area were passenger cars [redacted] 25X1

Trucks [redacted] were seen at the eastern gate. Motor vehicles parked on Stehnsdorferstrasse [redacted] 25X1

14. An AA gun emplacement with five guns of about 30 mm, surrounded by protective mounds of earth, 60 cm high, was observed in the southeastern corner of the restricted area, northeast of Steinstrasse. Soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. (6

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15. On 13 January, 120 troops, allegedly **komendatura** personnel, marched to the concert hall on Hegelallee in the Generals' Quarter Neuer Garten to see a movie.
16. About 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying rifles were observed on their way from the Kriegsschule to the rifle ranges on 16 and 17 January.
17. According to a charwoman employed at the hotel on Hessestrasse, 550 officers of all branches of service, including naval and medical officers, were quartered there between 13 and 18 January. 25X1
18. The Unteroffiziersschule was occupied by about 150 soldiers. One hundred soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets went to the indoor swimming pool on 18 January. The installation also housed 50 soldiers with black epaulets, who were repeatedly observed training with telephone equipment. Truck [ ] left the Unteroffiziersschule. 25X1
19. The 3d Garde Ulanen Kaserne quartered about 150 men of the **komendatura**. The unit there furnished sentries for the Soviet quarters in Neuer Garten, Hotel on Hessestrasse, and on Alexandrinenstrasse. 25X1
20. It was learned from a workman at the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, that on 7 January, about 800 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia arrived at the Kavallerie Schule and were quartered in the northern section of the installation. They were separated from the other units. An employee of cooperative stores stated that additional 1,000 loaves of bread were delivered to the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, effective 8 January. 25X1
21. Mercedes passenger car [ ] occupied by a one-star Soviet general, was seen on Friedrich Ebertstrasse on 10 January. One General Charnov, (fnu), was billeted at 57a Stalinallee, formerly Neue Koenigsstrasse. 25X1
22. A workman employed at Motor Pool [ ] stated that all workmen who had been PWs of the Western Powers were being discharged. 25X1

## Comments. 25X1

- (1) Indicates that component units of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig were still engaged in individual training on guns and motor vehicles in mid-January 1951.
- (2) [ ] the 2d Gds AAA Div which is quartered in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne. [ ] a unit in Potsdam but is believed to belong to the unidentified AAA Div, probably the 6th Gds, in the uranium-mining area. Since motor vehicles of this division cannot be accounted for in Potsdam, [ ] 25X1
- (3) [ ] no firing or other exercises were observed at Altengrabow on 16 January 1951, nor were there any indications of the arrival of Soviet units. [ ] 25X1
- (4) The depots west of the barracks installation in Krampnitz probably stored ammunition and fuel of the units in the military installations in Krampnitz. The former horseshoers' school is believed to belong to the billeting area of the Kavallerie Schule. 25X1

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- (5) [REDACTED] 25X1
- (6) The Headquarters of the Central Group of Forces is believed to be in the restricted area. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] observed verify this assumption. 25X1
- (7) [REDACTED] about 300 officers in the hotel. 25X1
- (8) [REDACTED] The installation is also referred to as Polizei Kaserne or Jaeger Kaserne and is located west of Jaeger Alley.
- (9) One general Charnov (fnu) is not known. He may have been mistaken for Major General V.M. Zharov, Chief of the GOC of Land Brandenburg. However, according to a press dispatch of June 1950, Major General Zharov was transferred.

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